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Inmate Death at FMC Devens

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Wednesday, December 23, 2020, inmate James Graves tested positive for COVID-19 at the Federal Medical Center (FMC) Devens in Ayer, Massachusetts, and was immediately placed in medical isolation. On the same day, he was transported to a local hospital for further evaluation and treatment due to respiratory distress. On Sunday, December 27, 2020, his condition worsened and he was placed on a ventilator. On Wednesday, January 6, 2021, Mr. Graves, who had long-term, pre-existing medical conditions, which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced deceased by hospital staff.

Mr. Graves was a 65-year-old male who was sentenced in the Middle District of Georgia to a Life sentence for Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon. He had been in custody at FMC Devens since August 25, 2020.

FMC Devens is an administrative security facility that currently houses 739 male offenders.

The Bureau of Prisons will continue to provide daily updates and information on actions related to COVID-19 at www.bop.gov/coronavirus/index.jsp.

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